

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
Asheville Police Department**

**Present:** Jayden Gurney (Chair), Larry Holt (Vice Chair), Debbie Applewhite, Allen Brailsford, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Cliff Joslin, Pastor Spencer Hardaway, Chief Tammy Hooper, Sgt. Michael Lamb, Det. Sgt. Joe Silberman, Paul Fetherston (Assistant City Manager), Marsha Stickford, Christina Hallingse

**Guest:** Michael Beech

**Meeting:** Called to order by Chair Jayden Gurney at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- November minutes were approved as corrected.

**APD & City Staff Update:**

Update from Chief Hooper:

- Welcomed and introduced Deputy Chief James Baumstark, who started with the APD on November 9
- Introduced Det. Sgt. Joe Silberman, who spoke to the benefits of attending the Racial Equity Institute training
- Introduced Public Information Officer Christina Hallingse, who spoke to the "Watch For Me" program, which concluded November 30 and resulted in a 25% reduction in vehicular / pedestrian accidents for the same timeframe in 2014; organizing committee will meet soon to determine next steps; no decision made yet as to whether to apply for grant again next year
- Body camera implementation plan has been submitted to the Chief; after she reviews and approves, will forward to City Manager

Report on progress of Stop the Violence Law Enforcement Working Group:

- Ms. Hallstrom reported that she is on the subgroup with Missy Reed (Changing Together), Father Jim Abbott, and Lt. Don Eberhardt ; focus has been to bring to area additional Level One Racial Equity Institute training and to increase participation from stakeholders

**New Business:**

How should CPAC report complaints reported to us by communities we represent:

- Acute issue: contact APD directly (252-1110); general community concerns / traffic concerns: bring to monthly meeting

CPAC Annual Report:

- Email suggestions to Chair Gurney

Committee member regional concerns:

- Housing Authority - Woodfin Apts: APD doing great job, but long running issue because of challenges of population who live there

**Outreach: Round Table / Shared Experiences:**North (28804) – Carol Rogoff Hallstrom:

- Continuing to actively participate in the Stop the Violence Law Enforcement Working Group

South (28803) – Cliff Joslin:

- Very pleased that issue he raised at last meeting (homeless camps along railroad tracks) was addressed within two days; resolved by APD, Buncombe Co Sheriff's Office and Blue Ridge Parkway Police working together; is still concerned about graffiti covering underpasses in same area

East (28805) – Debbie Applewhite:

- East Asheville working towards new library and community center; would like to see restored
- Encouraged all to participate in creating comprehensive neighborhood plans; very inclusive process

West (28806) – Allen Brailsford:

- Thanked Chief Hooper for attending November EWANA community meeting
- I-26 connector is major concern for area residents
- Spoke to uptick of B&Es in Bradley Str area; Chief reported that APD actively investigating

Central (28801) – Larry Holt:

- Downtown very busy, but starting to quiet down after Holiday Parade
- New officers on DTU doing great job moving around community
- Night DTU officers doing outreach with trespassing issues

Housing – Jayden Gurney:

- Starting to quiet down as weather turns cold and residents head indoors; crime tends to slow down in winter months
- Officers on Housing Unit doing great job

Ad Hoc (Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council) – Pastor Spencer Hardaway :

- Offered training to the APD; Chief Hooper shared that APD has been in touch with Lucia Daugherty, Executive Director, to schedule
- Discussed "Catch Someone Doing Something Good" program; Chief Hooper suggested meeting with her to discuss, as APD open to participating

**Public Comment:**

- No public comment

**Adjourned: 4:15PM**

*Next Meeting Date: January 6, 3:00 p.m.*